Reply of Government.—The question of nominating a member to represent the Mahomedan community on Municipal Councils, wherever necessary, is noted.

SUBJECT No. 130.

Mohatarfa collected in small villages to be utilised for the improvement of the respective villages.

Mr. Lakshminarasimhachar, Chamrajnagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that the mohatarfa collected in small villages be set apart for the improvement of the respective villages.

Reply of Government.—Improvement of villages is a matter devolving on District Boards and the cost should be met from District Funds.

SUBJECT No. 131.

Election of members from Union Panchayets to Taluk Boards.

Mr. Lakshminaranappa, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Union Panchayets may be allowed to elect a member to the Taluk Board just as a Taluk Board elects a member to the District Board.

Reply of Government.—The question may lie over till more experience is gained of the working of the Local Boards Regulation.

SUBJECT No. 132.

Reduction of fines on impounded cattle in the malnad.

Mr. Venkataramaiya, Manjarabad Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The sale of impounded cattle does not often fetch the cost of feeding and fine charges. The present heavy rate of fine in the malnad may be reduced to rates prevailing in other parts of the State.

(2) The rate of fine in the pound at Saklespur is the same as that prevailing in pounds in coffee estates. As this is a Municipality, the rates prevailing in other Municipalities may be ordered to be levied.

Reply of Government.—The question will be referred to the Deputy Commissioner.

SUBJECT No. 133.

Free use of water for household purposes from taps in houses in Bangalore and Mysore.

Messrs. M. K. Krishnaurti Rao, Magadi Taluk; B. Gangaiya, B. Appajaiya, B. Basanna and B. Veerabhadra Chetty, Bangalore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The present system of restricting the quantity of water to be used in private houses by gauging it is an infliction of unnecessary hardship on the people. The amount levied on the excess quantity is just sufficient for maintaining the establishment requisite for finding out this excess. Besides, restricting the quantity to be used from house taps does not prevent the people from taking water from public taps. Provided there is no fear of water being used for gardening and such other purposes, free use of it may be allowed and people saved from unnecessary burden and worry.

Metre readings used to be taken once in a month and bills sent quarterly for the excess quantity of water used. But now bills are sent monthly. People desire that the average quantity of water used may be calculated at the end of each quarter and bills made out accordingly for the excess.

Reply of Goernmvent.—With the existing machinery it is not possible to pump up more water than at present. The supply is therefore limited and should be used economically. House connections are taken only by those